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PASS LABOR FOR SECY MARSHALL AND COMMERCE

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: ILO
SUBJ: GOVERNING BODY DECIDES TO CLOSE THE BOOK ON ARAB-ISRAELI
ISSUE

1. SUMMARY: AFTER 3 HOURS OF DEBATE GB DECIDED BY
SECRET BALLOT (31 FOR, 22 AGAINST, 2 ABSTENTIONS) TO
ACCEPT DG'S REPORT ON SITUATION IN OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES, I.E., TO "CLOSE THE BOOK". END SUMMARY

2. DEBATE WAS PRECEDED BY DG'S STATEMENT IN WHICH HE
REFERRED TO HIS TALKS WITH ARAB REPRESENTATIVES IN
GENEVA AND DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST. HE
ENDED HIS REMARKS BY SAYING THAT HE WOULD OF COURSE REPORT
TO THE ILO CONFERENCE (NOTE: NO YEAR SPECIFIED) RESULTS
OF HIS EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT 1974 RESOLUTION, AND
THAT THE GB MAY WISH TO ENDORSE THE PROPOSAL IN DOCUMENT

3. GOVT REPS OF SUDAN, KUWAIT, SOMALI, TUNISIA,
PAKISTAN, INDIA, USSR, ROMANIA, HUNGARY, POLAND, CUBA,
LIBERIA ("SPEAKING FOR AFRICANS"), SRI LANKA ASKED
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HIM TO CONTINUE COLLECTING INFORMATION BY SENDING
EXPERTS TO TERRITORIES, ESPECIALLY SINCE "MISUNDERSTANDING"
OF ARAB POSITION HAD BEEN CLARIFIED AND ARAB GOVTS
PREPARED TO COOPERATE FULLY IN HIS EFFORTS TO
IMPLEMENT 1974 RESOLUTION. SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF CLOSING
THE BOOK: GOVT REPS OF UK (SPEAKING ALSO FOR FRG,
FRANCE, ITALY), CANADA, AUSTRALIA. ALL WORKERS

EXCEPT REPS FROM TUNISIA AND USSR FAVORED CLOSING. BERGENSTROM (EMPLOYER VICE CHAIRMAN SPEAKING IN PERSONAL CAPACITY) SPOKE IN FAVOR OF CLOSING; EMP REPS FROM LEBANON, INDIA, TUNISIA, AND SUDAN OPPOSED.

4. USDEL HOROWITZ MADE VERY BRIEF REMARKS: HE REMINDED GB OF US POSITION THAT THIS IS NOT MIDDLE EAST ISSUE BUT ONE OF DUE PROCESS. IN MARCH 1976 GB SESSION USG HAD ASKED GB TO RELIEVE DG OF IMPOSSIBLE TASK. THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ALTERNATE PROCEDURES (SUCH AS ART 26) AVAILABLE TO BE USED BUT THERE HAS BEEN A REFUSAL TO USE THESE PROCEDURES. THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TO END THE MATTER NOW.

5. AFTER DEBATE ENDED (AND BEFORE VOTE) DG MADE BRIEF REMARKS, REITERATING THAT HIS EFFORTS TO COLLECT INFORMATION HAD BEEN BLOCKED BY THE LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM ARAB PERM REPS IN SEPT. HE ADDED THAT "CASE IS NOT CLOSED BECAUSE I HAVE NOT POWER TO DO SO". PROCEDURES OF ARTICLE 26 CAN ALWAYS BE USED, AND JUNE 1974 RESOLUTION NEEDS EFFECTIVE MACHINERY (WHICH DG LACKS) TO IMPLEMENT. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD SUBMIT DETAILED REPORT TO CONFERENCE.

6. COMMENT: ARABS, HAVING CALCULATED THAT VOTE WOULD GO AGAINST THEM, DID AN ABOUT FACE ON ISSUE OF WILLINGNESS FOR DG TO CONTINUE HIS INQUIRIES IN HOPE OF EFFECTING VOTE OUTCOME. THE TACTIC HAD LITTLE IMPACT AND EVIDENTLY CHANGED NO VOTES. CATTO
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